

October 21, 1949.

Dr. G. W. Beadle,  
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Dear Dr. Beadle:

Bernie Davis wrote me a tentative letter some time ago concerning the proposed "bacterial genetics course", indicating that I might expect further details later. The proposals are still not entirely clear, if they have been formulated, but I understood that it would be somewhat along the lines of the Phage Course at Cold Spring Harbor.

Your suggestion that I participate is very attractive, and I think that the course is an excellent idea, and should be a great success. However, at the present time, I am not sure that I could manage it next summer, although I would like to very much. While Mike Doudoroff was here for a few weeks in August, we discussed the possibility that I might visit the University of California at Berkeley next summer session. Dr. Krueger of the Department of Bacteriology there raised the question, and I indicated my willingness to go out there, but the negotiations are still quite tentative. From Davis' letter, the course could probably be organized without the assurance of my help. I would appreciate it very much therefore if you could proceed without a commitment from me, for the time being. As soon as possible, I will give you definite word. In any event, we hope to visit the Kerckhoff Laboratories.

If the station at Corona Del Mar can be properly outfitted, I should think that it would be the more appropriate place. A couple of additional lectures might be arranged at Pasadena.

According to Hogness, you are due to be in Chicago sometime in December. If you can find the time, we would be honored if you could pay us a visit. In any event, this may provide an opportunity for a personal discussion of these plans.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg